be continued but it is very necessary that some furniture and a peon is granted to them.

Third Member of Council.—It was recommended by the Deputy Commissioner that the jurisdiction of the village munsiff's court near Malur may be extended over the villages within a radius of 5 miles. This was sanctioned. If the Deputy Commissioner of the District recommends any such case it may be considered.

Dewan.—It is not desirable to consider this question. Wherever competent men are forthcoming, Government will try to increase the number of courts.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Official control over Village Panchayet Members.

Mr. Hutchveeregowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Mr. Hutchveeregowda.—Some of these members are not properly working since there is no supervision. While the villages were under the supervision of the Amildars they were in very good condition in point of view of sanitation and cleanliness. These panchayet members are honorary workers and the Vice-President also an honorary worker, and as such no check can be exercised by any body. It is better if some responsible officer of Government is entrusted with this work.

Dewan.—What was the object of granting Local Self-Government to villages? The villagers must be responsible for all such work.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Powers of Bench Courts.

Messrs. (1) B. Srinivasa Iyengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk; Gubbiah, Anekal Municipality and (2) A. Srikantappa, Dodballapur Municipality.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—(1) Once in every three months these Magistrates are changed. When the new set of Magistrates comes, even minor cases already tried by the other set of Magistrates are ordered to be tried *de novo*, which practice, I think is not necessary. There is no restriction in Criminal Procedure Code but High Courts have held Section 350 not applicable to Bench Courts.

Justice Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—These cases are summarily tried and evidence is not generally recorded, and as such it is desirable to try the case *de novo*.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—Whole evidence is recorded. There are no summary trials.

Third Member of Council.—Why not they go to the same Bench again?

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—It is not possible. The period of tenure at least should be extended to one year or six months.

Mr. A. Srikantappa.—(2) It is very necessary that Bench courts must be invested with powers under Section 480 of the Criminal Procedure Code to try cases falling under Sections 175, 178, 179, 180 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code. Unless these powers are invested these courts will not be looked upon with respect. While Mr. Venkataramiah was a Chairman of the Dodaballapur